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The Point Theatre. Dublin Concert Venue. Built in 1878 as a train terminus for the Midland and Great Western Railway Company, the Point Theatre (commonly referred to as simply ‘The Point’) is Ireland’s largest indoor venue. It is located on the North Wall Quay by the River Liffey in Dublin’s Dockland area. After its closure the building was neglected for many years until it was restored in the 1980s by the architects Stephen Tierney and Shay Cleary for the entrepreneur Harry Crosbie and opened in 1988. The Point is best known as Ireland’s foremost venue for popular music concerts with an audience capacity of up to 8,500. In the summer of 2007 the Point was closed to be substantially refurbished to increase the capacity of the venue to over 13,000. On its reopening, in December 2008 it was renamed ‘The O2’.

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